

(b) whether the proposed Museum will be a *fait accompli* this year?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(a) The proposal has been deferred for the present.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of (a).

Mr. M. K. Raja (*Mulakunnathukavu*): May I recall that the Hon'ble the Diwan President had in his opening speech.....

Mr. President: Order, order. Is the Hon'ble Member asking for information?

Mr. M. K. Raja (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Yes. I am coming to the question. I had expressed the keen personal interest about the proposal to establish an Archaeological Museum in the State. In view of that the answer given now "the proposal has been deferred for the present" does not seem to be correct.

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Government reconsidered this matter and the proposal has been deferred for the present. The excavation is going on and we want to know what exactly the result of that will be. If there is not anything worth forthcoming from the excavation we have only to postpone it.

LEGISLATION REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT AND OLD AGE BENEFITS FOR WORKERS

10. **Mr. P. K. Dewer** (*Nominated*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they intend making proper legislations regarding unemployment and old age benefits for workers;

(b) whether there is any proposal by the Government to bring in Bills regarding compulsory recognition of Trade Unions, Service rules, holidays with pay, sick leave allowances, etc;

(c) whether they have any scheme of social security for the post-war?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(a) No. Government do not think there is necessity to introduce at this stage such a legislation in the State.

(b) Government propose to amend the Factories Act to make provision for "Holidays with pay". There is no proposal pending now to undertake legislation in respect of the other subjects. But they are considering what other labour legislation should be introduced in the State.

(c) The Government are not preparing a scheme of Social Security.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*): May I know whether it is because there is no poverty is no unemployment here that they do not propose to introduce any legislation in the State?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): In no other part of India there is such a legislation.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that because there is no such legislation in other parts of India that it is not necessary here also?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Government are satisfied that there is no necessity for it here also.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan (*Ezhuvas-Kanayannur*): Would not the principles for which the world war was fought be applicable to Cochin also?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): They are applicable all over the world, including Cochin State also.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that these questions are being considered in British India?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes. But it has not become law there yet.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*): Are not the Government aware that a Bill on the subject has been published?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Government have seen that Bill and they are waiting to see the results.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*): May I know whether any representation has been received on the subject from the Trade Unions here?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*): Is it the case of the Government that only when a legislation is introduced in British India that we should introduce the same in the State?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan (Ezhuvas-Kanayannur): May I know what is the criterion for bringing in a legislation here?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): There is not any discontentment in the State as to necessitate such legislations here.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan (Ezhuvas Kanayannur): Therefore if the labourers create trouble then Government will take it up. Then we will do it.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Ernakulam): Whether the Government be pleased to consult the representatives of the Labour organisation with regard to labour legislation?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): The Labour Commissioner has already been asked to suggest necessary legislation for the State. He will consult the labour organisations.

Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated): Has he done anything so far in this matter? Are the Government aware that there are any Trade Unions in the State not recognised by the respective trades?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): The Labour Commissioner is investigating the matter.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Uraḡam): Are we to understand that after the Government of India taken up this question that they will take up this?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): That has been already answered.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Uraḡam): Do the Government think that there is no need for making provision of such items in this State as Old Age Pension, etc.?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): Even in places like Bombay, and Calcutta, which are big industrial centres, no such legislation exists. In this State where large scale industries are only just beginning to take shape, Government do not think it is necessary to do so.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Ernakulam): Will the Government be pleased to constitute a Committee to recommend the necessary changes in the existing legislation and for the introduction of new laws.

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): There is an Advisory Committee for Labour. That committee can go into all those questions.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Tattamangalam): Are the 4 freedoms for which the Great War was fought and won obtainable in British India?

Mr. President: Order, order. That question does not arise.

HANDLOOM WEAVERS—TRIPPUNITTURA

11. Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) if they have received any complaint from the Trippunittura Handloom Weavers' Union that an Excise peon stopped on different days a few weavers who were taking their quota of yarn to their work spot and besides giving them a lot of inconvenience forcibly got from them money, etc.;

(b) if any similar complaints have been received by the Commissioner of Excise;

(c) if they have, what action has been taken by the Government on the same?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government):

(a) No such complaint was received by the Government.

(b) Yes. A petition dated 31st Chingam 1121 was received from the Trippunittura Handloom Weavers' Union on 18th September 1945 complaining against a peon named Sankaran. The complaint was enquired into in detail by the Inspector, Southern Circle, and he reported that there was no evidence in support of the complaint.

(c) The matter was, therefore, recorded and the President of the Union informed accordingly.

Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated): May I know whether the complainant was called in and asked to give evidence?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): The Excise Commissioner's report shows that a detailed enquiry was conducted by him. He was convinced that there was no truth in the allegation.

Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated): May I also know whether the complainant was also present during the enquiry?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know whether it was found that was Government convinced of the truth of the allegations?